

## THE FAIR'S First Annual January Sale.

Every item here mentioned is cut to the bottom notch. Your duty is to compare them with prices in any other store. Of the qualities--You may be sure they're right, else they'd never enter this store

Towels and Toweling.		Notions.	
Brown Crash, yard.....	8c	O N. T. Crochet Cotton, in	
Bleached Crash, yard.....	5c	white and colors, 200 yds.	4c
Linen Toweling, yard.....	6c	Good Pins, 12 papers.....	10c
Brown, all linen, 17 inch...	7c	Curling Irons, all sizes...	1c
Turkish Bath Towels.....	10c	Shears, hard steel, strongly	
All Linen Towels..... 5 to	25c	tempered .....	25c
NOTION DEPARTMENT.		Mourning Pins, 2 boxes....	5c
House Furnishings.		Best grade Hump Hooks	
Coffee and Tea Pots, 2 qts.	10c	and Eyes.....	3c per card
Double Roasters.....	25c	Clark's 500 yds Spool Cotton	3c
Covered and Footed Bread		Feather Stitch Braid, 6 yds.	5c
Raisers.....	19c	Machine Oil, filtered and	
Agate Frying Pans, each...	10c	stainless, bottle.....	5c
Mrs. Pott's Sad Irons, han-		NOTION DEPARTMENT.	
dle and stand, per set...	75c		
Wood Chopping Bowls....	5c	Potter's Floor Oil Cloth...	
10-quart Galvanized Pail...	10c	Table Oil Cloth.....	
TIN DEPARTMENT.		Cedar Tubs, wires welded	
Toilet.		on, no going to pieces...	
Strong Rubber Dressing		Wash Boards.....	
Combs..... 5 to 15c		Wringers.....	
Wood back, wire drawn,		Wash Benches.....	
Hair Brushes..... 10 to	49c	Bissell's Carpet Sweepers .	
Cosmo Buttermilk Soap, per		Good corn 3 stitched Brooms	10c
cake.....	6c	Copper bottom Boilers....	
Castile Soap, per cake....	1c	BASEMENT.	
Fine Tooth Brushes..... 5c	up		
NOTION DEPARTMENT.			

THE ATTRACTION OF OUR STORE IS THE LOW PRICES. THE SYNDICATE FAIR STORE, No. 8 East Main Street, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y. REMEMBER WE SELL AS WE ADVERTISE.

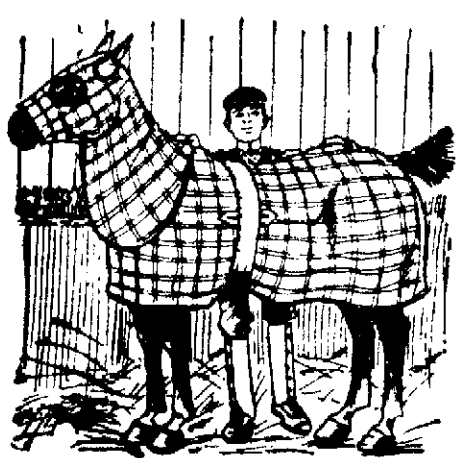
## Special Sale!

Now is the time to buy cheap. We are clearing out all our winter stock, and making room for spring goods. Here are some of our bargains.

- Men's Winter Russet \$3.00.
- Men's Winter Broomel \$3.00.
- Men's Winter Box Calf \$3.00.
- Men's Winter High Cut Russet \$3.00.
- Men's Winter High Cut Box Calf \$3.00.
- Men's Patent Leather Shoes \$3.00

The former prices of all these goods were \$5. Give us a call at the one price shoe store.

SAMUELS, NO. 11 NORTH STREET, MIDDLETOWN.

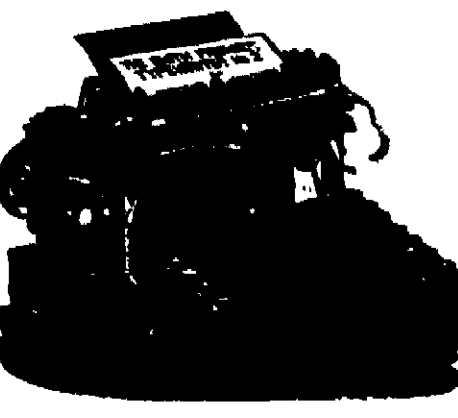


Horse Blankets and Robes

Be Sold Very Low for the Next 3 Months.

CALL AND SEE THEM.

JOHN T. OGDEN & SON, 40 West Main St., Middletown



The Smith Premier

THE BEST TYPEWRITER IN THE MARKET!

If you are thinking of buying a Typewriter, call on or address

HARRY W. TUTHILL,

ALL KINDS OF TYPEWRITER SUPPLIES AT LOWEST RATES. 600 N. 2nd St., N. Y.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

### DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Excess of Exports Over Imports Still Continues.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: A new year rarely opens brilliantly. Too many traders have to wait for the demand, which in the winter comes slowly. But the industries resist fairly well the tendency to unlimited expansion which some have to meet. The volume of payments through clearing houses is extraordinary.

In some branches consumption is running beyond the producing capacity, but in others it is hindered by doubts about the future supplies and prices of materials. The boot and shoe industry has shipped less in quantity of boots and shoes than in any year of the past four, and new orders are still small. The woolen manufacture is still waiting, with only a moderate demand for goods as yet.

The cotton manufacture has a large demand for goods, but raw cotton has so rapidly advanced that possible buyers apprehend a fall, and there is hesitation in the purchases of staples. The iron and steel manufacture leads all others in the volume of new business. While production is much the largest ever known, many of the works are withdrawing all quotations or naming prohibitory prices in order to check orders which they cannot fill for months to come.

These conditions favor continuance of the extraordinary foreign trade, which resulted in the greatest balance in favor of this country ever known. January reports thus far indicate a similar excess of exports over imports, and while wheat exports have increased every month since last August they have been in three weeks 5,078,077 bushels, flour included, from both coasts against 11,899,952 bushels last year.

Failures for the week have been 249 in the United States against 374 last year, and 32 in Canada against 53 last year.

### MILLER FAVORS SYNDICATE.

Says Failure to Recognize Its Claims Would Result in Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Ex-Senator Warner Miller of New York, who was formerly one of the most earnest champions of the Maritime Canal company, appeared yesterday before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce in behalf of the Grace syndicate.

Mr. Miller gave a long explanation of his connection with the two companies and said he had attempted to play the role of a conciliator and had failed. He desired to harmonize the conflicting interests, and when he was first invited to join the Grace syndicate he tried to secure the wealth of this syndicate in support of the claims and concessions of the Maritime company. Failing in this, he withdrew from the Grace company, but later, when the Grace company had secured its concession, he left the Maritime company and identified himself with the Cragin-Erly syndicate.

He warned the committee that failure on the part of the government to recognize the claims of the Grace syndicate would result in difficulty with the government of Nicaragua and might prevent the construction of the canal by America or Americans. Mr. Cragin repeated his statements as to the validity of the Grace concession and the impossibility of the Maritime company securing a renewal or extension of its concessions.

### To Favor Fishermen.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 21.—By the Allan liner Corcoran the colonial government has received official dispatches from the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies, intimating that he is likely to propose legislation to the colonial legislature at the coming session whereby better arrangements can be made for the operations of French and British fishermen on the treaty coast during the coming fishing season.

### Payne Chairman of Ways and Means.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The speaker of the house has announced the appointment of Mr. Payne (Rep., N. Y.) to the chairmanship of the ways and means committee to succeed the late Mr. Dingley. Mr. Richardson (Dem., Tenn.) to the vacancies on ways and means and rules committees created by the retirement of Governor McMillin of Tennessee and Mr. Crumpacker (Rep., Ind.) on the committee on census.

### Canada Welcomes Proposed Law.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—The bill introduced into the New York senate requiring that all cattle coming into the state must have passed the test of tuberculosis at the hands of a state official 30 days previously is being eagerly discussed by Canadian cattlemen. The consensus of opinion is that it will be welcome, as the United States is now draining this country of its best cattle.

### Janowski Wins Again.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—D. Janowski, the French chess player, and F. J. Marshall of Brooklyn contested the third game of their series of five games at the Brooklyn Chess club yesterday, and after a stubborn resistance Marshall was again beaten. The game lasted 28 moves. The record to date is: Janowski, 2; Marshall, 1.

### Merrill to Succeed Alger.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Rumor has it that President McKinley is contemplating a change in his cabinet. It is said that within a few days Secretary of War Alger will resign his portfolio and that ex-Governor William R. Merrim of Minnesota will be appointed his successor.

### The Contest in California.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 21.—The joint session of the legislature cast two ballots for United States senator yesterday without change and adjourned.

### An Election in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, Jan. 21.—Porter J. McCumber (Rep.) has been elected United States senator in the joint assembly.

## ANOTHER JOB FOR US

Treaty Calls For Repatriation of Prisoners.

### PHILIPPINE SPANISH STILL ON HAND

The Undertaking is Difficult Because of the Distance—Sixteen Thousand Troops Now on the Islands Awaiting Transportation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—One of the last articles of the treaty of Paris provided that the United States government should carry back to Spain the Spanish prisoners of war in the Philippines and that the United States government should undertake this task without awaiting the ratification of the treaty. The war department has begun the execution of plans to carry out this pledge, the first step being to issue invitations for proposals from shipping companies for the carriage of the Spaniards, as was done with great success in the case of the Santiago prisoners.

The undertaking in the case of the Philippine prisoners is larger than the Santiago problem, because the distance of transportation is nearly three times as great. The quartermaster's department has issued advertisements calling for proposals for transportation, the prisoners to be taken up at Manila or the most convenient port in the Philippines and landed at Cadiz or some other Spanish port to be hereafter designated. The terms and conditions are set out by the department in the advertisement as follows:

"Their number is estimated at about 16,000 officers and enlisted men. Cabin accommodations are to be supplied for the officers and third class or steerage accommodations having suitable galley accommodations conforming to the United States requirements as to space and ventilation for the enlisted men. The United States government will deliver the prisoners on board the vessels at Manila or such other ports as may be designated for their embarkation. Proposals will state the price per capita for transporting officers and for transporting enlisted men and for their subsistence and delivering them on shore at the Spanish port or ports to be designated and will be accompanied by a guarantee that the prisoners will be comfortably cared for and subsisted while on the journey, the subsistence to be equal to United States 'garrison' rations.

"Proposals will state the number of vessels which are proposed to be used for the service, the name and classification of each, tonnage capacity of each, their speed, the berth accommodations upon each and the approximate length of time required by each vessel to make the voyage from Manila to the coast of Spain.

"Vessels of any nationality may be tendered and will be considered for the service required.

### To Europe via Newfoundland.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—A plan for a fast Atlantic service via Newfoundland has been called to the attention of the Canadian government. It involves a ferry service to Newfoundland, a Pullman car service across the big island colony to a point within 1,500 miles of Ireland and a steamship trip across the Atlantic of less than three days. By this route, it is asserted, passengers from Chicago and New York for Europe can be carried in Pullman cars without change to within 1,500 miles of Great Britain.

### Spanish Troops Still Linger.

HAVANA, Jan. 21.—Major General John C. Bates, military commander of the department of Santa Clara, has arrived here from Cienfuegos to discuss with General Brooke the affairs of his department. He reports that there are 25,000 Spanish troops still at Cienfuegos, though the transports are now leaving daily. The last one is scheduled to sail on Feb. 10. General Bates will be heartily glad to see the last of the Spanish soldiery there, as the city is frightfully dirty. The Spaniards, however, are very well behaved.

### Mortgage Foreclosure Suspended.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 21.—In consequence of the crisis which followed the war and the present scarcity of money in Porto Rico, the governor of the island, Major General Guy V. Henry, will suspend for one year mortgage foreclosures and summary judicial sales of land for debt. General Henry also announces the withdrawal of troops from localities where the citizens and soldiery cannot harmonize. In such cases the municipalities will be held responsible for order.

### New York's New Custom House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Chairman Mercer of the house committee on public buildings and grounds received from the treasury department yesterday a letter formally approving the substitute bill for the purchase of the Bowling Green site and the erection of a new custom house in New York city.

### Rebels in Morocco Defeated.

TANGIER, Morocco, Jan. 21.—The government troops commanded by Prince Marani have defeated the Taflet rebels in a big battle. The chief rebel's son and 19 others were decapitated, and their heads were exposed at Rabat. This is expected to finish the Taflet rebellion.

### A Divorce Granted.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Judge Russell has granted a divorce to Mary A. Dorwin of Ogdenburg and permitted her to live in society from her husband, Gustave B. Dorwin, a New York city attorney, on statutory grounds. Mrs. Dorwin gets the custody of her child.

### Corporation Shareholders Appointed.

ALBANY, Jan. 21.—William Detering of Brooklyn has been appointed by Secretary of State John T. Downough a corporation examiner in his department at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

### ALL ABOUT "EMBALMING."

Dr. Daly Explains the Process as Applied to Human Bodies and Bees.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the war board Dr. Daly underwent a rather severe cross examination, especially on the subject of the date on which he had reported as to his suspicions in regard to the beef and why he had not reported sooner.

Dr. Daly said he had never discussed with any officer the subject of bad beef. Instead of commenting on such matters he had rather attempted to allay discontent with the meat. While at Chickamauga he had found meat which appeared to have been treated as indicated in his report. If the government was supplied with chemically prepared beef, he was asked, did he not think the government had been fraudulently dealt with. Dr. Daly replied that in his judgment when such beef had been supplied by contractors it had not been with fraudulent intent.

Dr. Daly explained the process of treating beef chemically. The boric acid or salicylic acid, he said, was sprinkled upon the meat in the shape of powder, and that which would not adhere was brushed off. The meat was then hung in a room, where it was kept cold by means of ammonia or salts. This was one means of preserving meat, but there were other methods. The substance placed upon the surface of the meat penetrated its inner tissues, and there chemical changes took place. Dr. Daly also explained the methods of embalming human bodies. Many persons had methods which they claimed to be superior to all others, but the common method was to use boric acid, salicylic acid or glycerin.

Mr. Denby asked Dr. Daly whether in his opinion an officer had performed his duty when, knowing that the beef supplied the army was detrimental to health, he had concealed that fact and had not reported for many weeks. Dr. Daly replied that he had reported upon the facts in a regular way and after mature deliberation. He could not, he said, "growl about it to any and everybody he met." Mr. Denby still followed up this line of interrogatory and asked whether he would have treated a patient as he had treated the soldiers of the army.

"You are on trial now, doctor," continued Mr. Denby; "on trial before the country."

To this the witness protested vigorously that he was not upon trial, and the country would never put him on trial.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Mrs. Mary Hine died in Ithaca, N. Y., aged over 100 years.

Governor Roosevelt signed the Pan-American exposition bill.

Fire in the Sherwood House, Cincinnati, was accompanied with many narrow escapes of guests.

The Illinois senate passed the house joint resolution of thanks to Miss Helen Gould for her devotion to American soldiers.

Alfred Jackson, who robbed Mr. Lyman J. Gage's First National bank of Chicago, told of seven fruitless attempts at suicide.

Members of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints of St. Louis adopted a resolution against seating Congressman Elect Roberts of Utah.

On the fifth ballot for United States senator in the Delaware legislature Mr. Addicks had 15 votes, George Gray (Dem.) 16, and the rest were scattering.

The annual dinner of the New York Press club will be given at Delmonico's, preceded by a reception in honor of Senator Elect Chauncey M. Depew, on Saturday evening, Feb. 25. Mr. Depew is a member of the club, and his speeches are an annual feature.

### The Ironclad For Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The United States dispatch boat Ironclad has sailed for Honolulu. The vessel carried a number of special dispatches, some for the battleship Oregon, due at the islands, and some that are supposed to relate to the sending of the Oregon to Samoa. The navy department officials here are unable to say whether the Oregon has been ordered to Samoa, but it is thought that she has been.

### The Paul Jones Blew Up.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21.—The fate of the yacht Paul Jones and her passengers, for whom a dozen parties have been searching for a week, is now known. The yacht's machinery exploded on or about Jan. 6, near Bird island, 30 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi, and every one on board was killed at once or drowned soon after. The boat was operated by a gasoline engine.

### Orders For the United States.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Calcutta correspondent of The Times says: "The recent English strikes effectively prevented the placing of orders for rails, girders and rolling stock for railways building in India, and it is only too probable that in future the orders will go to a large extent to the United States, particularly for locomotives."

### Eagan to Plead Guilty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Former United States District Attorney A. S. Worthington will represent General Eagan before the court martial to be held in this city on the 25th. General Eagan will plead guilty to the charges brought against him. It is assumed that the trial will not last more than a day or two.

### Peace Congress in London.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Copenhagen correspondent of The Daily News says he is informed on the best authority that Emperor Nicholas expressly desires that the conference on the limitation of armaments should meet here.

### Summit Limited Wrecked.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 21.—The Summit Limited on the Southern Pacific railroad, one of the fastest trains in the country, was wrecked yesterday at La Costa station, 35 miles from this city. There were several fatalities.

## A RIGHT TO ACQUIRE

Senator Nelson Makes Strong Argument For Expansion.

### NO LONGER AN UNSETTLED POINT.

The United States Has a Perfect Right to Add to Her Possessions Either by Conquest, Purchase or Discovery.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The senate was in session for five hours and a half yesterday, but the session was barren of results. Two notable speeches were delivered, one by Mr. Nelson (Rep., Minn.) in opposition to Mr. Vest's anti-expansion resolution and the other by Mr. White (Dem., Cal.), a personal explanation of his position with respect to the instructions given the California senators by the legislature of that state as to voting on the pending peace treaty. Mr. Nelson argued that the right of the United States to acquire territory was no longer an unsettled question. It had been settled by the supreme court and by practice and precedent. The government of the United States had inherent power as full and comprehensive as any other organized government to acquire territory, either by treaty, conquest, purchase or by exploration and discovery, and there was nowhere in any paragraph of the constitution or in any judicial opinion any intimation or suggestion that the right was limited to such territory as might ultimately become states.

"Colonies," Mr. Nelson argued, "have not destroyed England, and why should they destroy the United States? As to the 'subjugation' of the Philippines, that is all in the clouds. Aguinaldo has sold them out. He has received the '30 pieces of silver'."

"And now," Mr. Nelson (Rep., Ill.) interposed, "you want to proceed with the crucifixion." Mr. Nelson retorted, "exists only in the mind of the senator from Illinois."

"We hold the Philippine Islands today," continued Mr. Nelson, "practically as we held New Mexico and Upper California, by conquest. That country is as lawfully held by the president as commander in chief and our flag floats there just as lawfully as in the state of Illinois. What right have senators to say that we have gone among the Filipinos as a conquering nation? They have been sold by their leaders. They were bound hand and foot. They were still in the shackles of Spanish tyranny when our fleet entered Manila bay."

"We came there not as conquerors, not to vanquish them. We came there by their invitation to help them and to relieve them from Spanish oppression. We are there to give the people of those islands a good and just and fair and free system of government. We cannot do it in a day, but we will do it. We are there not only to keep them out of the hands of Spain, but we are there to keep them out of the hands of any of the great powers. It is for our interest as a nation that the Philippine Islands shall never be the property of any of the great powers. If they can be independent, well and good; and if not, we should protect them and give them the best government that we can possibly give them."

At the conclusion of the speeches the senate resumed consideration of the Nicaragua canal bill. Its completion was prevented probably by the filibustering tactics adopted by Mr. Tillman (Dem., S. C.), who frankly announced that the bill could not be passed then, as he and other senators, if necessary, would remain in the chamber until midnight to prevent a final vote.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A Wordy Duel Between Grosvenor of Ohio and Lewis of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The proceedings in the house were enlivened yesterday by a wordy duel between Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and Mr. Lewis, the picturesque member from Washington. During the debate on a private bill to refer to the court of claims the claim of Cramp & Sons, the Philadelphia shipbuilders, for damages from the government for delays incident to the building of the warships New York, Massachusetts, Indiana and Columbia, due to the failure of the government to deliver armor plate and other materials for these ships on time, Mr. Lewis got the floor. The claims aggregate about \$1,200,000, and the bill has encountered a good deal of opposition. Mr. Lewis made it the text for a general attack on army and navy contractors, whom he charged with being traitors for taking advantage of the necessities of the government in time of stress. Mr. Simpson, the Kansas Populist, followed along the same lines, and Mr. Grosvenor undertook to rebuke them both. Mr. Lewis in reply made one of the wittiest speeches, ridiculing the Ohioan for his alleged pretensions, that has been heard in the house for months. Mr. Grosvenor did not make an extensive rejoinder, though he displayed a lot of documents and intimated that he had plenty of reserve ammunition in store for Mr. Lewis. The Cramp bill was edged out of the way after the flow of oratory ceased.

### Minister to Austria Imminent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Mr. Harriman, the newly appointed minister to Austria, has arrived in Washington from Indianapolis and is receiving his instructions.

The department will send the Austrian mission into the first class as soon as government has carried out its announced purpose to do case of its mission in Vienna.

### Next Meeting at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Jan. 21.—The next meeting of the National Education Association will be held here, Jan. 25, and will last for several days.



## MRS. NELSON A. MILES.

Some of the Things She Has Done to Earn the Gratitude of the American Soldiers.

When the roster is made up of the women whose brains, energy, sympathy, private means and public influence have gone to make them powers in the late war with Spain there should rightly come high up in this list the name of Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, wife of the general of the army of the United States. Never conspicuous in any way in her charitable work, even in Washington, where she makes her home, Mrs. Miles has accomplished a work, says Leslie's



MRS. NELSON A. MILES.  
(Wife of the General of the Army of the United States.)

Weekly, that has made her name the most beloved and revered of any woman whose praises are sounded throughout the rank and file of the army. It is not often there is met with in a member of the fashionable world a woman of warm heart, deep sympathies and wide philanthropy; yet in Mrs. Nelson A. Miles all of these qualities are combined. Early in the summer the first practical steps to organize a relief society for the families of poor soldiers were taken by Mrs. Miles. Among other well-known district relief associations for the benefit of the soldiers in which Mrs. Miles has taken an active interest, yet always almost unknown as to her identity, were the "Noon Rest," on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, one of the first organizations of the kind to be established; the "Legion of Loyal Women," who had rooms and refreshments for the soldiers on Ninth street; and the "Relief of the Ladies of the Pension Bureau," which fed between six and seven thousand troops as they passed through Washington. Mrs. Miles and Miss Chamberlain, widow and daughter of the late Col. Chamberlain, United States army, took up the first collection for this purpose among the ladies of the pension bureau. While to the generosity of the latter is due in great measure the ability to carry on this great work, the task of remaining in Potomac hall day and night devoted upon a small band of noble-hearted women living in the vicinity of the hall, and especially upon Mrs. Newmeyer. When, toward the latter part of July, the sick and wounded soldiers were being brought back by thousands, Mrs. Miles, who is secretary of the National White Cross Society of America, accompanied by her daughter, went from Washington to Fort Monroe. The state of affairs far surpassed anything chronicled. One morning during the fiercely hot weather there lay at the government hospital seven men wrapped in their army blankets, without which they would have been nude. Mrs. Miles went from one to the other in charge, demanding that the great storehouse crowded with clothing for soldiers from the women of the United States be opened, but no one had authority. She demanded the key, and forthwith suiting the action to the words, exclaimed: "In the name of the women of the United States I unlock these doors!"

## JOSEPH D. SAYERS.

New Governor of the State of Texas  
Is a Public Man of More Than  
Local Reputation.

The new governor of Texas, the popular Joseph D. Sayers, was elected in November last by nearly 200,000 majority.

Gov. Sayers has represented Texas in congress for many years, was chairman of the committee on appropri-



HON. JOSEPH D. SAYERS.  
(Recently Inaugurated Governor of the State of Texas.)

tions during the Fifty-third congress, and during that term reduced the appropriations over \$16,000,000. He was born at Grenada, Miss., in 1841; removed to Bastrop, Tex., in 1871; entered the confederate army in 1861, and served throughout the war. He was admitted to the bar in 1866, afterwards served as a member of the state senate, was chairman of the state executive committee, and elected lieutenant governor of the state in 1879. It will thus be seen that he has served the state of Texas in places of the most important trust and has now the highest position in the gift of the people.

The governor was grand master of masons in Texas, in 1876, and in private and social life has unnumbered acquaintances and a legion of friends.

## CONCERNING SABLE FURS.

Sable is the fur most approved by fashion, yet, on account of its beauty and scarcity, this lovely fur would be valuable whether it were fashionable or not, and always commands a high price.

There are several varieties of sable—Russian sable, Hudson Bay sable and "Alaskan sable," which last is not sable at all, but skunk skin skillfully dyed and "tipped."

The finest furs in all Russia are laid aside as tribute and become the property of the crown. So highly are these rich furs esteemed that no person below a certain rank is allowed to wear them.

A single fine Russian sable skin is worth from \$100 to \$250. It is a tiny thing, about 14 inches long by eight or nine inches around. A bale of dressed sable skins as it hangs in the furrier's shop, resembles a bundle of long suede gloves; they are hung up wringing out, and are all numbered and price-marked in indelible ink.

The most perfect skins are tipped with silvery hairs, which greatly increase their beauty. The pelt, when dressed, is soft and fine, while the fur is a lovely dark-brown, which shows a bluish tint like that of a ripe Concord grape, when the fur is blown apart by the breath. The skins are entire, being taken from the animal without cutting except for a tiny incision at the throat and on the inner side of each delicate little foot, thus leaving the head and claws intact.

## SAVINGS OF ACTORS.

Ada Rehan has put aside \$60,000. Joe Jefferson is supposed to be worth about \$200,000.

May Irwin owns a whole island up in the St. Lawrence.

Della Fox has about \$50,000 in jewels, besides a cottage at Long Branch.

Henry Dixey ought to have a lot of money, but after he made \$60,000 in "Adonis" he lost it.

Nat Goodwin has \$90,000 and would have had more had he not persisted in sticking so closely to his ideal of art.

Lillian Russell always works on guaranties and is sure of \$1,000 a week. She does not speculate and has made good investments.

Probably no actor now on the stage is richer than William H. Crane. He is said to be worth \$250,000, and it is all safely invested.

Richard Mansfield is said to be rich. He got \$40,000 in one year out of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." He owns property and has a lovely home.

Edna Wallace Hopper is supposed to have \$60,000 or \$70,000, and a short time ago made \$15,000 in a stock speculation. Her interest in "El Capitán" made her \$26,000 two years ago.

The lowest figure put on Francis Wilson's wealth is \$100,000. He got \$600 a week when playing in "Erminie," and most of his other ventures have paid well. He has invested in real estate.

## DON'T.

Don't rush out of single bliss into double blisters.

Don't think a floating debt is necessarily a light one.

Don't think hard work kills as many people as worry does.

Don't imagine a man pays his bills every time he meets them.

Don't whine. If you are well whipped acknowledge it like a man.

Don't forget that Satan is always polite to his new acquaintances.

Don't judge a woman's bank balance by the crest on her stationery.

Don't insist upon hearing both sides of everything—especially bass drums. —Chicago Daily News.

## What She Desired.

Knicker—I tried to convince my wife that I couldn't afford a new sealskin cloak.

Knicker—And did you succeed?

Knicker—No, she wanted the argument brought home to her.—N. Y. World

## AS GOOD AS A NATIVE.

How General Kitchener Impersonated an Arab and Convicted Two Spies.

Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, the sirdar commanding the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Sudan, is evidently a man of resource, if a story told of him be true. The sirdar is a tall, dark-skinned man who in disguise would easily pass for a native, and his knowledge of the character of the tribes, and of their language, gives him an advantage in dealing with the people.

At one of his camps on the Nile, so runs the story, two Arab chiefs, date-sellers, were on a certain occasion arrested, being suspected of being spies. They were confined in the guard tent, and were not left alone, for soon after their detention a third Arab prisoner was unceremoniously bundled into the tent.

Thereupon an animated jabbering began, and was carried on for a few minutes. The two prisoners were by no means reticent in the presence of one of their own race, who was, like themselves, a prisoner, and they let their tongues wag fast.

After a few minutes' conversation the sirdar was surprised to see the latest arrival draw aside the door and step out.

"All right, sentry," he said. "I am going to the general."

It was Kitchener, and he had himself investigated the case to see that justice was done. A few minutes more passed, and again the door was opened. This time an orderly appeared. He handed a spade to each of the prisoners, and they were then marched outside, made to dig their own graves, and shot. They were, in truth, as had been suspected, spies, and the general had convinced himself of the fact.

## TRITE SAYINGS.

Beauty is never a delusion.—Hawthorne.

Fear always springs from ignorance.—Emerson.

No man means evil but the devil.—Shakespeare.

A man dies as often as he loses his friends.—Bacon.

We love justice greatly and just men but little.—Roux.

When we ask advice we want appreciation.—Colton.

God's providence is on the side of clear heads.—Beecher.

They that will not be advised cannot be helped.—Franklin.

It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends.—Thackeray.

Happiness is the natural flower of duty.—Phillips Brooks.

Sooner or later the world comes round to see truth and do the right.—Hillard.

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.—Gibson.

Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools who have not wit enough to be honest.

Despotism sits nowhere so secure as under the effigy and ensigns of freedom.—Landon.

Take care what you say before a wall, as you cannot tell who may be behind it.—Saadi.

Poverty is the only load which is the heavier the more loved ones there are to assist in supporting it.—Richter.

WIT AND WISDOM BREVITIES.

Love and coins are sometimes tested by the ring.—Chicago Daily News.

Figures don't lie, but salt goes well with those marked on Christmas presents.—Town Topics.

The sculptor may be said to "cut quite a figure" when at work.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

There is one thing, among others, to be said to the credit of the church going man: he may be seen on the streets with his wife at least once a week.—Atchison Globe

## WOMANLY

A sweet woman, the picture of health, speaking with enthusiasm, said, "I don't see why you do not send out women to talk to women about the merits of Pabst Malt Extract, The 'Best' Tonic. There



are so many women that are run down, with nerves shattered, with a lack of vitality, feeling a sort of restless indecision which is an outgrowth of over-exertion. If you could only get a woman who knows as well as I do how "Best" Tonic will build one up, and who has enough earnestness to tell them about it, you would certainly have largely increased sales. There is Mrs. —, who was as thin as she could be, and her poor little baby, puny and undeveloped. I told her about "Best" Tonic. In three weeks you ought to see the difference. The improvement is something great; mother and baby both feel it and show it."

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## OUR JANUARY SALE!

When a Whole Store Cuts loose from profits, when in many instances, it ignores cost, in its one great desire to reduce stock in a limited space of time, if that store is honest in its statements and intentions, the buying public is put into possession of a money saving opportunity so great that they can ill afford to pass it lightly by.

This Store Proposes for one week to offer every dollar of its surplus seasonable merchandise at such a reduction from its regular price that profits will be wiped out and, in many instances cost will be lost sight of. We're honest about it; we are earnest about it; we mean to make this sale memorable. Facts in the shape of figures will tell you more emphatically than all the wordy eloquence in the world just how earnest we are in this matter. These chances for obvious reasons, do not often occur.

## THIS SALE WILL LAST SEVEN DAYS.

The advertised prices will hold good during that time.

## Sale Begins Saturday Morning, Jan. 14,

and ends the following Saturday night, Jan. 21st. IT WILL PAY YOU to come fifty miles to attend this great sale.

## The Dress Goods Reduction

## Feast.

No bit or miss advertising here. Just cold blooded price cutting all along the line. Inventory is at hand, and this dress goods stock must be reduced, and that at short notice. We go about it this way.

## Colored Dress Goods.

ONE LOT DOUBLE FOLD PLAIDS and fancy weaves, suitable for children's school dresses, 15c value, sale price 8c per yard. ONE LOT OF FANCY WEAVES some of them all wool, were 25c up to 30c, sale price 18c per yard. 50 and 60c all wool Fancies, Graines and Bayre reduced to 35c per yard. \$1.38 Novelities reduced to 75c.

## Your Black Goods Opportunity.

Good Black Goods at reasonable prices are always a satisfactory purchase, but when a whole stock is practically stripped of profits to reduce its volume, it presents a buying chance of the first importance. 36-inch Black Novelities reduced from 35c to 15c. 34 and 36c Black Novelities reduced to 30c per yard. \$2 Black Crepons \$1.39 per yard.

## Silk Selling Extraordinary.

Former prices not considered at this sale. The question is what prices will move the lots quickly? Here's how we answer the question. One lot of Fancy Silks, consisting of checks, plaids and fancy figured silks, were priced from 60c way up to \$1 a yard, sale price 30c per yard. Black Plaided Gros Grains and Satins, were \$1 and \$1.25 now 60c per yard. Plain and Change Black Taffeta Silks, were \$1, sale price 60c per yard.

## Sale Time in Domestic.

A money saving time. A time when you should replenish your supply of house keeping goods. 4,000 yards best 36c Unbleached Sheeting 35c per yard. Best Bleached Muslin, usually 9 and 10c, at sale 6 1/2c. 3,600 yards best Calicoes, 6c goods, at sale 2 1/2c.

## Pillow Muslin.

1/2 yard wide, bleached, 8c; unbleached, 7c.

## Wide Sheeting Muslin.

Unbleached—2 yards wide, 12c, worth 15c. 2 1/2 yards wide, 13c, worth 16c. 3 1/2 yards wide, 14c, worth 17c. Bleached—2 yards wide, 12c, worth 15c. 2 1/2 yards wide, 13c, worth 16c. 3 1/2 yards wide, 14c, worth 17c. 2 1/2 yards wide, 16c, worth 20c.

## Outing Flannels.

There is a ring to these values. But this is sales time; bargain time in this store. Buy all you need from these lots. 36 Outing Flannel 30c a yard, 10c Outing Flannel 7c a yard, 5c Shaker Flannel 3 1/2c a yard.

## A Great Cloak Clearance.

No stock in this store that we are more in earnest about. All previous cloak reductions are cancelled and again reduced. You who have not bought will be glad you waited. It seems a pity to so sacrifice all these such garments, but they must go, no matter what the loss. One lot of Ladies' Jackets, priced from \$5 to \$8, your choice \$2.50 each. One lot of Ladies' Jackets, priced from \$10 to \$15, your choice \$6 each.

## Sweeping Reductions

In Ladies' Capes and Child's Jackets.

## Sale of Wrappers.

Here is a chance that seldom happens. Some 350 women will get a rare bargain here. 30 dozen heavy Flannel-tie Wrappers, with ruffles over shoulders, fancy band trimmed, \$1.25 is their real value, sale price 60c each.

## Dealings in Table Linens.

Our linen store always a safe and economical place to buy, has made some extra efforts for sale's week that brings extra, but at chances. 66-inch Table Damask's new designs, good value at 60c, sale price 35c per yard. 66-inch Irish Table Damask, regular 60c value at sale 50c a yard. 72-inch 82 1/2c Damask, the Irish manufacture, \$1 quality, at sale 75c per yard.

## Table Napkins.

All linen Napkins, German manufacture, value \$1, at sale 70c a dozen. Dinner Napkins, Irish manufacture, 1921, value \$1 1/2, at sale \$1 1/3 a dozen. Dinner Napkins, Scotch make, all linen, 21x22, value \$2.50, at sale \$1 7/8 a dozen.

## Towels.

Huck and Damask Towels, regular 15c quality, at sale 12 1/2c. Large towels Turkish Towels, 15c value, at sale 8c each. Flannel Towels, 15c value, at sale 10c each. Flannel Damask Towels, 25c value, at sale 20c each.

## J. W. TOMPKINS.

No. 35 North Street, Middletown.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—Threat-  
ening to-night, rain; Sunday, south-  
westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.  
The following was the registry of the thermom-  
eter at Port Jervis, today:  
7 a. m., 28°; 12 m., 40°; 3 p. m., 41°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.  
—Jan. 21—"Mildred's Picnic," at Casino.  
—Jan. 24—"Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Dr.  
Engels, at the Casino.  
—Jan. 24—Daughters of America dance.  
—Jan. 26—Ball of 25th Separate Co. band, at  
the Casino.  
—Jan. 27—"Y. P. S. C. E. rally at the Con-  
gregational Church.  
—Feb. 13—McGonigle's annual ball, at Casino.  
—Feb. 14—"Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Rus-  
sell H. Conwell, at the Casino.  
—Feb. 22—"Jr. O. U. A. M. second annual ball  
at Assembly Rooms.  
—March 17—"St. Patrick's Day—Billy Allison's  
masquerade ball, at the Casino.

Senator Coggeshall introduced, Friday,  
a bill which is not without local interest.  
It proposes an amendment to the tax  
law by which the stockholders of trust  
companies will be assessed and taxed on  
their shares in the same manner as stock-  
holders in banks.

Tammany's Eighteenth Assembly Dis-  
trict Committee voted, Friday, to ap-  
propriate \$1,000 of its funds for chari-  
table purposes, the money to be distrib-  
uted among the poor of the district by  
charitable organizations. And yet there  
are people who cannot understand why  
Tammany Hall is so strong in the parts  
of the city where poor people live.

The State associations of county and  
town agricultural societies, in session at  
Albany passed resolutions, Thursday,  
asking the Governor to remove Hamil-  
ton Bushby, supervisor of trotting races,  
because of his alleged negligence in col-  
lecting the tax on racing associations  
and thus lessening the amount of the  
State fund divided among the agricul-  
tural societies. The county societies  
also asked for the appointment of J. H.  
Durkee, of Sandy Hill, president of their  
association, as Mr. Bushby's successor.

Senator Ambler, of the Dutchess-Col-  
umbia district, introduced, Friday, a  
bill to tax mortgages in a roundabout  
way. It provides that the mortgagee, or  
presentation of a tax receipt by the  
mortgagor, shall credit him with an  
amount equal to the proportion that  
the mortgage bears to the total value of  
the property. In other words if the  
mortgage is for half the value of the  
property, half the tax paid is to be  
credited by the holder of the mortgage in  
computing the amount of interest and  
principal due. Like all legislation of  
this kind, this measure, if it should be-  
come a law would harm rather than help  
the debtor class for the holders of  
mortgages would call them in and seek  
investments in states where they could  
escape taxation.

NEW ENGINES FOR THE ERIE.  
A Text to be Made of Four Engines of  
the Atlantic Type.

The Erie has given an order to the  
Baldwin Locomotive Works for four At-  
lantic type engines. These are to be Van-  
dine compounds, cylinders 18 and 22  
in., with 82,000 pounds on the driv-  
ers, the drivers to be 76 inches diameter.  
Three of these engines are to run on the  
Susquehanna Division between Sus-  
quehanna and Hornellsville, to take the  
place of eight-wheel engines now running  
there with the same size drivers. On  
that run there is a maximum grade of  
about 12 feet to the mile for 140 miles,  
and the speed on this division will aver-  
age higher than on any other part of the  
Erie system. The fourth of these engines  
will be used more or less experimentally  
on other parts of the road, in order to  
bring out the suitability of the type for  
general service.

WASHINGTON LODGE.  
Installation Services Friday Night—Dele-  
gation From Port Jervis.

District Deputy Grand Protector Ira  
S. Clauon installed the officers of Wash-  
ington Lodge, No. 1,213, Knight and  
Ladies of Honor, Friday night. A dele-  
gation of nine from Valentine Lodge, No.  
484, of Port Jervis, was present. After  
the installation a supper was served and  
a very enjoyable time was spent.

The officers installed were:  
P. P.—T. J. Morris.  
P.—Wilmot Decker.  
V. P.—Myra Monell.  
R. S.—J. J. Wood.  
F. S.—D. Crosby.  
Treas.—Anna Brown.  
Chaplain—A. Page.  
G.—A. M. Scott.  
Guardian—Katie Sinsbaugh.  
S.—D. D. Vail.  
C. of G.—R. Kennedy.  
Rep.—J. J. Wood.  
Alternate—Wilmot Decker.  
The Port Jervis delegation returned  
home on Erie train No. 5.

# ERIE EXPRESS WRECKED.

No. 8 Off the Track at Great Bend—  
Engineer and several Others Under  
the Wreckage.

Erie No. 8 was wrecked at Great Bend,  
this afternoon, and it is reported that  
the engineer and several others are  
buried under the wreckage.

No further particulars have been re-  
ceived as yet in this city.

LATER.—The train jumped the track  
for some unknown reason.  
At least four persons were killed.

## STILL ANOTHER TRUST.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 21.—The National  
Enameling and Stamping Company,  
with an authorized capital of \$30,000,  
000, was incorporated with the Sec-  
retary of State, today. The company is  
authorized to mine, smelt, cast, enamel  
and deal in all kinds of metals. The in-  
corporators are all of Jersey City.

ASTOR BATTERY NEARING HOME  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 21.—The Astor  
Battery passed through Cleveland, to-  
day, en route for home from Manila. The  
majority of the men looked worn and  
some appeared to have suffered from a  
long spell of sickness. The voyage  
across the Pacific had gone hard with  
some of them they said.

ATTEMPTED LYNCHING IN OHIO.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

COLUMBUS O., Jan. 21.—A special to the  
Despatch from Zanesville says a mob  
attempted to lynch E. S. Wright today.  
Wright is in jail for assault on the 18 year  
old daughter of Edwin Taylor of Bridge-  
ville.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PORT ANTONY, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—An  
earthquake, lasting ten seconds, and the  
most severe in years, has occurred here.  
The amount of damage is not known.

TO CONTROL MILK PRICES.

Five States' Milk Producers' Associa-  
tion's New Departure—When They  
Control 15,000 Cans a Day New York  
Dealers Will Contract for Its Purchase  
at Permanent Prices for Five Years.

When the officers of the Five States'  
Milk Producers' Association are in a  
position to control the sale of 15,000  
cans of milk a day, prominent New York  
milk dealers of undoubted financial re-  
sponsibility are willing to contract to  
take the whole amount at two and  
three-quarter cents a quart for the six  
months from October to March, and at  
one and three-quarter cents a quart for  
the remaining months of the year. The  
New York parties also agree to furnish a  
surety company's bond to the amount of  
two months' milk supply for the faithful  
fulfillment of their contract. The names  
of the New York parties have not been  
made public, but they are understood to  
be the men who were back of the Milk  
Trust, which was projected a year ago.  
Fifteen thousand cans of milk a day is  
more than half the average daily ship-  
ments to the city and the parties con-  
trolling such a quantity will be able to  
dominate the retail trade.

In order that the officers of the Pro-  
ducers' Association may be able to surely  
deliver the milk that that may contract  
to sell, individual members of the asso-  
ciation are asked to sign an iron clad  
power of attorney vesting, for not more  
than five years, the right to sell the  
product of their dairies at the prices  
above named. J. C. Latimer, of Tioga  
Centre, Ira L. Snell, of Kenwood, and F.  
B. Aiken, of Mecklenburgh, are the per-  
sons named as the farmers' attorneys  
for the sale of their milk. The farmers  
agree not to increase their product more  
than twenty-five per cent. of the amount  
specified in the power of attorney. Pay-  
ments are to be made monthly.

Many farmers along the O. and W.,  
where the Five States' Association is  
well organized, are signing the power of  
attorney and the officers of the asso-  
ciation express confidence that they will  
soon control enough milk to enable them  
to make a contract for its sale.

The present plan is in some respects a  
radical departure from all previous efforts  
to control milk prices.

A Cribbage Tournament.

A cribbage tournament is in progress  
in Newburgh between teams represent-  
ing the Central Labor Union and the B.  
B. Odell Republican Association. One  
hundred and twelve games are to be  
played, and after two sessions the score  
stands 29 to 27, in favor of the politi-  
cians.

Coroner Decker Called to Turners.

Coroner Decker was called to Turners,  
this afternoon, a child having died there,  
today, without medical attendance.

Billiousness

Hood's  
Pills

# BLIND WITH ECZEMA

Three Children Afflicted 20 Months.  
CURED BY CUTICURA.

My second child got eczema when seven  
months old. Three months later my first child  
got it, and following him, the last one, two  
years old. For twenty months they suffered  
terrible agony. Their whole bodies, especially  
their faces, were so sore and raw that they  
were blind half the time. No words can  
describe the suffering of my second child,  
whose whole body was one bloody mass. He  
was constantly crying, could get no sleep, and  
he actually did not look human. I tried doctor  
after doctor without the slightest relief. The  
first application of CUTICURA brought relief  
in each case, and after fourteen days' treat-  
ment with CUTICURA SOAP and CUTICURA  
(ointment), the worst case was cured.  
Miss ANNIE KING, 515 E. 13th St., N. Y. City.

SLEEP FOR SICK-TORTURED BABIES and rest for tired  
mothers in a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, and a  
single application of CUTICURA (ointment), guaranteed  
to soothe and cure.  
Sold throughout the world. POTTER D. AND C. CO.,  
Sole Agents, 100 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Babies' SKIN. CUTICURA SOAP. CUTICURA OINTMENT.

A Problem for Her.  
"Are you good at arithmetic, my  
dear?" asked Mr. Perkasee of his wife.  
"I was accounted the very best  
arithmetician at school," replied Mrs.  
Perkasee with a touch of pride in her  
voice.  
"I have a problem for you."  
"State it."  
"How can I buy \$95 worth of presents  
with \$15 in cash and no credit?"—  
Judge.

And Still He Hesitated.  
"Here is a case of a girl who shot a  
man just because he tried to embrace  
her," he said.  
She shrugged her shoulders.  
"I would not know how to use a re-  
volver if I had one," she returned, care-  
lessly.  
He took a step in that direction.  
"However," she added, "my nails are  
sharp."—Chicago Post.

His Marriage.  
An astronomical event  
is scheduled very soon:  
The world will shortly be  
eclipsed  
Behind a honeymoon.  
—Puck.

GREAT LUCK.



First Klondiker—You say you've  
struck great luck; did you find gold?  
Second Klondiker—No, I found a  
piece of bacon that somebody left in  
this hole.—Boston Herald.

Deception.  
The man who dyes his hair and beard  
Has finally to own,  
Thinking others he deceives,  
That he deceives himself alone.  
—Detroit Journal.

Their Hard Lot.  
Twist—Doctors naturally have a hard  
time of it.

Twirl—What makes you think that?  
Twist—Well, those patients that die  
aren't any too well pleased, as a rule,  
and those that recover and have to pay  
their bill are never pleased at all.—N.  
Y. World.

The Ravages of Grip.

That modern scourge, the Grip, poisons  
the air with its fatal germs, so that no  
home is safe from its ravages, but multi-  
tudes have found a sure protection  
against this dangerous malady in Dr.  
King's New Discovery. When you feel a  
soreness in your bones and muscles, have  
chills and fever, with sore throat, pain  
in the back of the head, catarrhal  
symptoms and a stubborn cough you  
may know you have the Grip, and you  
need Dr. King's New Discovery. It will  
promptly cure the worst cough, heal  
the inflamed membranes, kill the disease  
germs and prevent the dreaded after  
effects of the malady. Price 50 cents and  
\$1. Money back if not cured. A trial  
bottle free at J. J. Chambers' drugstore.

Dr. Bull's  
COUGH SYRUP  
Will cure Tonsillitis and Bronchitis.  
A specific for incipient consumption.  
Doses small. Price 25 cts. at druggists.

AT STERN'S—Something Worth Reading.

WE HAVE BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks!

from a first-class manufacturer, at just half price, and are putting them on sale at exactly  
half former prices. Remember these are all new and first-class goods. There are about 500  
in the lot. A great chance for late buyers. We are going out of the yarn business, having  
a lot of all shades of best quality Saxony and Germantown, will sell at half price—Saxony  
5c a skein and Germantown at 8c a skein. Come while the assortment lasts.

L. STERN. 13-15 NORTH ST.

We Again Direct Your Attention to the Wonderful Bargains  
We are Offering in  
COATS, SEPARATE SKIRTS, TAILOR-MADE SUITS

Coats at \$6.98, formerly sold up to \$13.50 each. Skirts  
\$1.75 to \$5, formerly \$3 to \$8.50. Suits \$3.75 to \$10, form-  
erly \$5 to \$16.50. Buy your Table Linens, Towels, Nap-  
kins, Quilts, Sheets, Cases and Muslins this month. Our  
special sale ends Feb. 1st

CARSON & TOWNER,  
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

BETWEEN SEASONS  
is the time to get bargains. Cost prices have ruled here  
since January 1st on

ALL CLOTHING!  
and will continue for the month. In order to reduce stock  
for inventory, we offer great bargains for little money.  
CALL IN AND INSPECT OUR GOODS.

ADAMS & BOYD,  
No. 41 North Street, Middletown

Our Regular Sale  
OF  
HOUSEKEEPERS' GOODS  
Opens This Week.

NOTE THE REMARKABLE PRICES.

1,000 yards good Bleached  
Muslin 43 per yard.  
8-4 Unbleached Sheeting 12c.  
8-4 Bleached Sheeting 12c  
100 White Counterpanes, full  
size, 49c.  
Table Linen at 25 and 38c  
Chenille Table Covers 69c.  
Chenille Stand Covers 25c.  
Mantel Lambrequins, fringed,  
35c.  
Special prices on 5,000 pieces  
Ladies' Muslin Underwear from  
9c upwards. Come and see.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,  
No. 39 North Street.

Extra Quality Creamery Butter,  
Per Pound, 19 Cents.

Extra quality Dairy Butter,  
per pound ..... 18c  
Bushel bags Table Salt a bag 30c  
Bushel bags Cattle or Ice  
Cream Salt ..... 25c  
7 cakes Babbitt's Soap ..... 25c  
14 cakes good Laundry Soap 25c  
First quality Laundry Starch 4c  
Standard brands Corn Starch 4c  
Standard brands Canned  
Peas and Corn ..... 7c  
3 cans of above for ..... 20c  
These prices are for cash only.

B. F. TODD,  
Todd Block, North St.

Dr. David Kennedy's  
Favorite Remedy  
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH  
AND LIVER TROUBLES.

WOUL'D SOME WARMER  
Underclothing  
COME IN HANDY JUST NOW?

We are prepared to fill your  
wants in Underwear that is  
well made, perfectly shaped  
and priced right. All sizes  
and qualities.

IT'S BLANKET WEATHER.

The sharp air between  
night and morning tells you  
that a warm, woolly Blanket  
wouldn't be amiss. All wool,  
part wool and cotton, and a  
price list that will cover  
every purse.

Hosiery Hints!

Cotton and wool. Women's  
goods in wool, cotton and  
fleece lined. Men's goods in  
all wool, cotton and wool  
mixed, and all cotton. Chil-  
dren's goods in all sizes and  
qualities. Some extra strong  
stockings for the boys.

We have the latest styles  
in Gents' Puffs and Bows.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,  
No. 27 West Main Street.

A Good Man Wanted.  
A good opportunity for the right man for  
Orange county or local district, as preferred.  
Wanted, a man well and favorably known, (prac-  
tically none preferred), to sell on commission, Bil-  
lings, King & Co.'s High Grade Points and Van-  
alene. Apply with references and full particulars  
of qualifications, to BILLINGS, KING & CO.,  
428 Pearl St., New York City. A passport, upon  
application will receive from an valuable hints  
on painting and varnishing. dFrd, tomlg, 1-20

S. M. BOYD,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC,  
6 EAST MAIN STREET.  
FIRE INSURANCE.

# Put Money in Thy Purse.

Perhaps, though you need to  
buy the purse to put it in. Then  
you think of us at once, for every  
one knows our stock of Pocket  
Books and Purse is the largest  
in the city.

Note the prices: Ladies'  
Books extra good, only 25 cents.  
Better grade of book, sterling sil-  
ver mountings, only 50 cts. Seal  
Skin Book, with calf facing, only  
\$1. Men's Books at equally low  
prices. The old fashioned calf  
skin pocketbook always in stock.  
Purses of all kinds from 5 cts.  
up. Bill Books and Card Cases  
in great variety. Our Pocketbook  
sale, this week, is your oppor-  
tunity.

Dennison's Tinted Crepe  
Paper only 25c a roll, former  
price 40 cents.

Hanford & Horton,  
No. 6 North St., Middletown.

ANNUAL CLEARING SALE  
OF

Odds and Ends of Shoes

GREATEST INDUCEMENT EVER  
OFFERED.

Ladies' \$4.00 Shoes for \$2.00  
Ladies' \$3.75 Shoes for \$2.00  
Ladies' \$3.00 Shoes for \$2.00  
Ladies' \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.50  
Ladies' \$1.25 Shoes for 98  
Small lot Ladies' Rubbers 25  
Small lot Children's Rubbers 15  
Have not all sizes, but may have  
yours. Do not delay, but follow  
the footprints to

C. D. Hanford's,  
No. 43 North Street.

GOD LIVER OIL.

That is pure beyond ques-  
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—Licenses two weeks at W. D. Olney's.  
—Dinner plates at Dayton's.  
—Pocketbooks cheap at Hanford & Morton's.  
—Spring style hats at Morris B. Wolf's.  
—Special sale on shoes at Saunders'.  
—The water pump for at Dayton's.

### LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—"Muldoon's Picnic," at the Casino, to-night.

—There will be extra music at the German Church, Sunday night.

—The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights until further notice.

—Hot drinks, beef tea, clam bouillon, tomato bouillon, chocolate, lemon and coffee, at Lankaris, 34 North street.

—Attention is called to the annual clearance sale of odds and ends of shoes, advertised by C. D. Hanford, in another column.

—Miss Julia Myers' dancing class reception will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Tuesday, Jan. 31. Children's reception, 7 to 9.

—H. G. Springsteen, an East Windsor farmer, raised an acre of beets for the Binghamton beet sugar factory, and received for the crop \$52.27.

—"Muldoon's Picnic," a funny comedy, which abounds in catchy songs and pretty dances, will be to-night's attraction at the Casino.

### PERSONAL.

—Mrs. George Hommel is visiting at Goshen.

—Mrs. T. R. Hart and children returned to Passaic to-day.

—Alderman Allen is confined to his bed by a second attack of grip.

—J. M. Brink is very sick with grip at his home, 12 Wilkes avenue.

—Street Superintendent Wilcox is out after a long illness with grip.

—Miss Augusta Quaid, of Newburgh, is the guest of Mrs. E. D. Tompkins.

—Dr. Ashley and Dr. Woodman, of the State Hospital, went to Philadelphia, to-day, on a professional matter.

—Miss Louise Weber, of this city, formerly of Monticello, is visiting her parents at that place for a few weeks.

—Ira B. Mills, formerly of this city, has been re-elected chairman of Minnesota's Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

—Joseph C. Wickham, the well known lumber dealer, whose home is at New Hampton, will start, Monday, for a tour of Pennsylvania's lumber regions.

—Bert Kingsland, who is travelling for the Chicago house of Nelson & Morris, meat dealers, came to this city, Friday night, to attend the "Mons" reception.

—The *Sussex Independent's* Vernon correspondent says: Pierson Hunt has resigned his place in the creamery at this place and has accepted a position in Middletown.

—Recorder Barnes went to Thompson Ridge, Friday night, and will not return until Monday, when he will move into his old law office in the G. B. Adams building and resume his professional duties.

—Dr. Fancher and Dr. Hulett held a consultation at E. D. C. Craus' bedside, Friday night. Mr. Craus passed a poor night and is but little improved, to-day. He may be taken to Thrall Hospital, next week.

### "TEXAS JACK" IN TOWN

is in a Trifle Hard Luck and Hopes to Make a Raise.

A not particularly inviting-looking chap, who wore a very airy costume and carried a pistol where he ought to have kept a handkerchief, and who carried a lasso and other things, arrived in town this morning, presumably from Port Jervis. Conductor King said he was a slight of hand man who bears the peaceful sobriquet of "Texas Jack."

"Jack" carried a tent with him, which he doesn't live in at this time of the year, and he is doing tricks about town, to-day.

"Jack" claims to be "Prof. J. T. Rose," and he called at this office this morning to say that he was in a little hard luck.

### UNION VETERANS' UNION.

Some of Its Newly Elected Officers Installed by Col. Wheeler.

Owing to the illness of Col. B. S. Dayton, of W. D. Fuller Command, No. 11, Union Veterans' Union, Col. A. B. Wheeler installed all of the officers present, Friday night.

Col. Wheeler, Adjutant Charles Wright, of Goshen, and Quartermaster G. H. Black will be installed by Col. Dayton at the next meeting.

Middletown Birds in a Great Cuckoo Main.

A great cuckoo main was fought, Friday night, at Orange Lake, in which Middletown, Goshen and Port Jervis birds were pitted against the birds of a quadruple alliance formed by Newburgh, Walden, Fishkill and Cold Spring. The result of the battle is not yet known in this city.

### IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—G. H. Goodell, mechanical engineer of the Erie, with headquarters at Susquehanna, has resigned to accept a position with the Northern Pacific.

Success comes to those who persevere. If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and persistently, you will surely be benefited.

### FIREMEN DID GOOD WORK.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY'S FURNITURE STORE ON FIRE.

Flames Confined to the Upper Floor Where They Broke Out in a Fire of Furniture — Unnecessary Damage by Water Prevented — Goods Saved From Injury by Being Carried From the Building — Origin of the Fire Unknown — Losses and Insurance.

Smoke was seen creeping out of the eaves of the attic and from under the eaves of the roof of France & Hathaway's furniture store on East Main street, near William street, at 11 o'clock, this morning, and Bert Townsend, of J. B. Swartz's grocery, sent in an alarm from box 57, at Franklin Square.

Chief Higham was in bed, but he got to the scene as soon as the fire companies did, and, aided by Assistant Chiefs Schmitt and Lorentz, personally directed the gallant fight which followed.

Ladders were raised by Excelsiors in front of and at the easterly side of the building. Eagles carried a line of hose up the former and Monhagens one up the latter, and Phoenix and McQuoids, which had laid lines of hose, were ordered not to turn on water unless it should be needed.

Assistant Chief Schmitt was first to enter the building, and he was quickly followed by Chief Higham. They located the fire in a quantity of furniture stored on the upper floor, and though it was burning briskly streams from Eagles' and Monhagens' hose soon practically extinguished it. As soon as possible the water was shut off to prevent flooding the building and doing unnecessary damage, and the firemen who had been half stifled in the thick varnish smoke came out for relief.

In the meantime the firemen who were not otherwise employed, carried out chairs, sofas, couches, settees, china closets, etc., from the second floor through the ceiling of which the water was already beginning to leak. The First Congregational yard took on a lawn party aspect when these articles, all of latest pattern, were scattered about. Many goods were also piled in the yard of Sayre's livery stable. Excelsiors McQuoids and Phoenix worked hard at this part of a fireman's duty. France & Hathaway personally directed the removal of the goods.

Nothing is known as to the origin of the fire. No one had been on the top floor in an hour previous to the discovery of the blaze. It started in such inflammable material in the northwestern corner of the top floor that it secured great headway before it was discovered.

The firm had about \$10,000 worth of stock in the building, and the loss they think will be \$7,000. There was an insurance of about \$5,000, which was held by Case & Taylor, T. B. Dayton and E. E. Conkling.

John F. Bradner owns the building, which was insured for \$3,000 with Case & Taylor. The damage to the building will not be heavy.

### MORE SOLDIERS HOME.

Corporal Steedman and Privates Babcock and Robertson Reached Here, To-day.

Corporal Harry L. Steedman and Privates Frasier H. Babcock and Herbert E. Robertson, of Co. I, First Regiment, returned to this city, to-day. They arrived at San Francisco on the Mariposa, and after spending three days they came east. All are in excellent health, and they report that the remainder of the Company J boys left behind at Honolulu through lack of accommodations on the Mariposa, were at the boat to see them off.

The remaining members of the company did not start east with the Astor Battery, as one man who came with it, accompanied the Middletowners as far as Albany. These boys saw Beakes and Fredericks at San Francisco and say that Beakes is all right and Fredericks is doing nicely.

The last arrivals came from Fishkill, this morning, reaching Goshen via the second Erie milk train and coming to this city on the trolley. Private Robertson went at once to his home in Millville.

Those who have not reached home are: Corporal Gould and Privates Borst, Wilkinson, Loune, Fredericks and Beakes, the two latter being at San Francisco.

### THE TRADING STAMP SUIT.

To Be Tried Before Judge Hirschberg at Newburgh, Monday.

The suit of the Middletown Trading Stamp Company against ten members of the Middletown Business Men's Association for the recovery of \$10,000 damages, will come up before Judge Hirschberg in Newburgh, Monday morning. Many business men will attend as principals or witnesses.

Dill & Cox are attorneys for plaintiffs and O'Neill & Rogers for defendants.

### Red Men's Installation at Goshen.

The installation of officers of Wawatwa Tribe, No. 228, I. O. R. M., occurred in Red Men's Hall, Goshen, Friday night, W. W. Lowrie acting as installing officer. He was assisted by the following installing officers from this city, Great Prophet C. E. O'Neill, Great Senior S. R. Kuapp, Great Junior S. B. B. Rockwell, Great Sannup W. F. Maythorn.

### At a Dinner Party in Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Myers, Mrs. Sarah C. Winters, Mrs. Addie Smith, Mrs. Mame Little and Miss Hattie Larue went to Chester, to-day, to attend a dinner party at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elston's, in that village.

### MONHAGENS' RECEPTION.

All Who Assisted in the Recent Fair Royally Entertained — The Casino Beautifully Decorated — Most Successful Affair in the Company's Social History.

Monhagen Hose Company's reception to those who assisted in any way in making the Mons-24th fair a success, was held at the Casino, Friday night, and proved to be one of the most enjoyable social affairs given in this city in a long, long time. To begin with, the Casino was never so prettily decorated before. Florist Bartholomew displayed a profusion of leucotoeche sprays, chamærope and palm fronds from boxes, loges and balcony. The sprays hung from the latter made a charming lattice work along which chairs were placed in a semi circle, thus reducing the size of the dancing floor to just about what it should be. Potted plants relieved corners and the musicians were seated behind a bower of green on a platform which had been built over the regular orchestra pit. The whole effect of the scene elicited most effusive compliments from the critics present.

After the opening selections by Berg's orchestra, a monologue artist from the metropolis, told a few old stories well and sang a few new songs badly, but the audience which half filled the balcony and all of the boxes and the seats about the room, forgave him when the music started for the opening waltz. The orchestra was of eight pieces and its work was superb. The floor was crowded with dancers until 2 a. m. There were Monhagens in full dress uniform, and Capt. McIntyre, who is president of the "Mons," appeared in his military full-dress, and his Lieutenants, Decker, Nickerson and Ashley also wore the natty blue. The unanimous opinion of the ladies would probably turn the heads of the officers, so it is best to refrain from printing it.

The merry whirl was increased after midnight by a large party from Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, whose members had been enjoying a social at the Assembly Rooms.

Card tables furnished amusement for those who did not care to dance.

Caterer Rowley served light refreshments on the stage.

The entertainment committee from Monhagens consisted of John Bureh, D. S. Lonsbury and Homer Ritter.

Floor Committee—Philip Weingroth, Frank H. Scudder, Chas. B. Buckley, W. A. Vail and Charles Higham.

Door Committee—J. F. Korn and W. B. Ketcham.

### EXCELSIORS' SOCIAL.

A Pleasant Gathering at the Assembly Rooms.

Fifty-two members and friends of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company attended the social at the Assembly Rooms, Friday night. Cards were the amusement for the early evening, and the favors were awarded to Miss Bessie Myers and A. H. Gordon, second assistant of the company. After refreshments had been served, dancing began and was continued until about midnight.

### HYMENEAL.

Baird—Van Houten.

At Warwick, Tuesday, Miss Elizabeth Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Van Houten, was united in marriage with Charles Seely Baird. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Taber Knox. After a dinner served by caterer Ira Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Baird left for Paterson, where they will hereafter reside.

Captain Veber Not Worried by the Swens Suit.

Captain Veber was a bit surprised at reading in the ARGUS of the suit which had been brought against him by John P. Owens, for assault. He stated, however, that the plaintiff was drunk at the time of the occurrence, and that he did nothing which would give cause for any suit. The captain has not yet secured counsel.

### Finishing the Ice Harvest.

The Middletown Ice Company hopes to complete the filling of its ice houses at the Summit, to-day, and the force will be worked until midnight to do so.

C. F. Tiedemann, of the Crystal Spring Ice Company, will have his houses filled early next week.

### Real Estate Sale.

—The Jacob Dickerson farm of 40 acres, located in the corporate limits of Walden, was sold to Charles W. Embler of that village Saturday, Jan. 14, for \$3,950, almost a \$100 per acre.

### W. C. T. U. Notes.

—The South Carolina jubilee singers will sing again at the W. C. T. U. rooms, 184 North street, on Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock. The services will be in charge of Mrs. M. E. Ackerman. The collection to be given the singers.

—The sociable held at the residence of Mrs. Horton, on Linden avenue, Thursday, was a success both socially and financially. All left feeling Mrs. Horton to be an admirable hostess.

### Running Mores.

the outcome of neglect, or bad blood, have a never-failing balm in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Will heal the most stubborn cases. Soothes irritation almost instantly after first application. It relieves all itching and Burning Skin Diseases in a day. It cures Piles in 8 to 5 nights. 35 cents.

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### AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Minstrels Coming—Homer Concorator the shortage in the Peer Fund—Willowest Lodge's Officers to be Installed—Entertained the Dramatic Club.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The San Francisco minstrels are billed to appear at Music Hall, Jan. 26.

—There promises to be a fight between the town board and the bondsmen of the late E. M. Thurston. The bondsmen have employed counsel. Many conflicting rumors of the state of affairs are current. One story is that the shortage in Mr. Thurston's account has existed for years and one man, not a member of the board, is quoted as saying that to his knowledge a shortage existed in 1896. Another story has it that the bondsmen, Messrs. Smith and Wood, signed the bond of Thurston but once and that at the time of his first term of office. Most of the stories are unfounded reports that grow as they circulate.

—The officers of Willowest Rebekah Lodge, elected some time ago, will be installed Monday night. A banquet at the Union hotel will follow the ceremonies, at which Martha Washington Lodge, of Middletown, will be present.

—The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickerson was the scene of a merry gathering, last night, when the Goshen Social and Dramatic Club with a large number of the organization's friends were entertained.

### OBITUARY.

May Totten.

Miss May Totten, daughter of Edward M. Totten, of Tottenville, Staten Island, died, Friday, of pneumonia, aged twenty-two years. The deceased is a niece of Capt. C. M. Totten, and he, with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wilson, will attend the funeral at 2 o'clock, Monday.

### Catherine Swarts.

From the Wantage Record.

Ann Katie Swarts, as she was familiarly called by her acquaintances, died, Sunday, 15th, in Oge county, Illinois, at the great age of ninety-three years, nine months and twenty-three days. She had nearly rounded out a whole century, and her life was a great link in the historical genealogy of two important Sussex county families. She was a daughter of Moses and Margaret Dewitt—the youngest of eleven children—and was born in Wantage township near the present summer cottage of Moses J. DeWitt. Her father was the pioneer of the family in Sussex county, and we think the late Evi Dewitt, of Wantage, was the last of the eleven children except her. Early in life she married Jacob Swarts, of Wantage, and they resided in the Clove until his death, quite a number of years ago, when she removed to Illinois. She was an aunt by marriage to John Swarts, of Wantage, now eighty-eight years old.

YOUNG LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB.

Pleasantly Entertained by Mrs. Whitney and Miss Ogden.

The Young Ladies' Musical Club met at Mrs. Charles A. Whitney's on Cottage street, Friday afternoon. Miss Genevieve Ogden shared the honors of hostess.

A duet was contributed by Miss Nellie P. Lyon and Miss Grace Macardell, a piano solo by Miss Mabel Howell, a vocal solo by Miss Cornelia Marvin, a piano solo by Miss Gertrude A. Hulse, and a piano solo by Miss Janie Conklin. Delicate refreshments were served during the afternoon.

### Has Left Port Jervis.

Superintendent Beecham, of the Port Jervis electric road, has left town, and the Gazette says he is not likely to return. His pool room has been closed under an attachment, and the Gazette says that he failed to turn over two days' receipts to the railroad company.

### Hymeneal Notes.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Van Blarcom, of Montgomery, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Dater, to Henry Bonner, on Tuesday, Jan. 31st.

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**EDNA'S SURPRISE**

By Emma A. Oppen.

MRS. LARRABEE'S neighbor had come over through the snow, ostensibly to bring a dish of preserves, but as a matter of fact to ask how Edna Lester was getting along. Edna's father was Mrs. Larrabee's distant cousin, and when he had gone abroad on business which would keep him a year he had left his young daughter with Mrs. Larrabee, whose pleasant home was on the west bank of Silver lake. The lake had been a shining lake in October, when Edna had come; now, in the heart of a snapping cold winter, it was a white field of ice.

"Well," said Mrs. Larrabee, "Edna's all right. She's a nice girl, and good company for me, and I'm glad to have her here."

"But the boys," said Mrs. Larrabee, "Gilbert and Syd—they don't seem to take to her as I'd like to see 'em, not quite. You see, they're not used to girls, and they don't make so much of Edna as I wish they would. They go on with their plans and doings and leave her out of 'em. They have secrets, and won't let her into 'em. They have a sign for every secret. They cross their limbs, that's one of their signs, and Edna does want to know that secret the worst way; but they won't tell her." Mrs. Larrabee laughed in comic despair.

Edna was at the sitting-room window. Presently, looking up, she saw Gilbert and Syd going out at the gate. Edna caught her breath. She went out to Mrs. Larrabee, whose caller had departed. "They've gone," said she. "They've gone down to the Corletts, and they didn't wait for me."

"Now they haven't!" Mrs. Larrabee ejaculated, with real concern.

"I wanted to go," said Edna. "Mrs. Corlett asked me to come when the boys did. She invited me just as much as she did them."

"I know she did," said Mrs. Larrabee. "Those boys! They'll have to have a talking to. I suppose they thought, seeing there are no girls at the Corletts, only Joe, that you didn't care much about going."

"It's a shame. Put on your things and go right along; you'll catch up with them."

"No, I guess," said Edna, forlornly. Her lip trembling, "I'll go outdoors a little while." And she put on her jacket and hood, her mittens and her rubber boots, and went out.

Outside in the nipping air her wounded feelings changed by degrees to warm and increasing indignation.

They were perfectly mean! They knew Mrs. Corlett had invited her to come with them, and they knew she wanted to go. They kept her out of everything purposely. Of course, she didn't expect to know their secrets—not if they wouldn't tell her; though there were one or two, notably the one whose sign was crossed thumbs, that she did want to know dreadfully. But when it came to their going off to the Corletts without her, just leaving her out and forgetting her—that was too much.

"It's—it's outlandish!" said Edna, that being her strongest word.

She went across the road, through a frozen field and down the path to the lake. There was nothing to see but the bleak stretch of the ice-bound sheet, four good miles in length. The boys' iceboat lay moored there, a home-made, small affair, but highly satisfactory to Syd and Gilbert. That was one thing about them—Edna had taken Edna iceboating several times, and she enjoyed it hugely.

Edna walked out to it. Standing there, her eyes widened of a sudden and her lips parted. Two thoughts were in her head. One, that though she hadn't exactly said that iceboat herself, she was pretty sure she knew how. And the other, that the boys had meant to leave her at home—and what fun, ah! what fun it would be to sail down the lake, to go down on the boat alone and get to the Corletts before they did! To see them come in gaping and staring at her. To score the double triumph of sailing the iceboat and of getting to Mrs. Corlett's in spite of them, before they should get there.

There was a good breeze from the right direction. Why hadn't they gone on the boat themselves? Edna wondered, but not keenly. She brimmed with eagerness. She untied the boat and turned it.

Yes, she felt sure she knew all about it. Or, if not quite all, enough to make the three miles down the lake safely. The two small sails were already spread, with a reef in the mainsail, and already the little craft moved, as if in a hurry for a start. Edna took her place on it, leaned on her elbow and grasped the rudder just as the boys did. And she was off.

She pointed out from the shore a little, then drove straight down the lake. Certainly she could do it; the boat answered to her every turn of the rudder. It was easy enough. It was splendid! She heard the swift rush of the "shoes" over the smooth ice. Glancing towards the shore, she knew by a certain bend that she had sailed half a mile. The road to the Corletts followed the lake, and anywhere beyond that bend the boys, if they should look towards the lake, would see her. The fact added distinctly to her satisfaction.

She was going too fast, though. The wind whistled around her ears, and it was like great strong hands pushing against the sails. The boat's speed grew with every moment; it was fairly spinning. There before her was a rock rising from the ice; Edna gave a gasp of dismay, twisting the rudder; and when she was safe past it she



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was still inwardly gasping. For how fearfully fast she was going! And she didn't know how to help it at all.

She knew how the boys could "run her into the wind" when they wanted to stop; but in the same breath she remembered how once, in turning, the wind had lifted the boat off the blind runners, and how narrowly they had escaped being swept clean off. She dared not try it.

If she could tie up the sails—but she did not venture to get to her feet; she was afraid the wind would take her off them. And the fact was that she did not know what to do to the sails, anyhow. She did not understand them. And meanwhile the ice boat flew fast and faster. It whizzed. Not for a minute did Edna confess to herself that her courage was ebbing; but she looked ahead, down the white stretch of ice, and her heart beat with great jumps. What if she couldn't stop at all? In that case, first or last, she should smash into something—and then—

She wished she had not touched the boat; she might have known she couldn't do it. The wind seemed to roar in her ears; the runners, in their increased speed, had taken on a sort of screech. It was dreadful.

What was that zigzag dark line ahead? A crack. Not a big one. Not so big, she thought, but that the boat would slide over it—

There was a sudden crash, a lurch. Edna felt her hand jerked from the rudder, the breath jerked from her body, and for a bewildered moment she half believed her head had been jerked off her shoulders. She felt herself thrown with a mighty strength, which carried her along the ice at swift speed for several rods.

She had a confused fear that she should never stop; but at last she did, and she slowly sat up. Her first conviction was that all her bones were broken; her next, that certainly the side of her on which she had slid down the distant bank were two figures coming on a run—Gilbert and Syd.

She got to her feet in a hurry. A long way off lay the ice boat, with her bowsprit stuck fast where it had struck in the jagged edge of the crack; it being a crack of no mean size. And Edna was still standing there and staring at it, and rubbing her bruised elbow, when the boys came racing and striding across the ice. But she was ready for them; she stood up straight. "I don't think it's broken!" she called out.

"Are you broken?" Syd shouted back, "that's the question!" And they began to talk together.

"We saw you," said Gilbert.

"We knew it must be you," said Syd. "though we couldn't believe it."

"That crack! Goodness, why didn't you stop her? You went sliding off her and over the ice like a bird! Are you hurt? No? Sure?"

"Sure!" said Edna, and then they all burst out laughing.

"Say, what did you do it for?" said Syd.

"Where were you trying to get to, anyhow?"

"To the Corletts," said Edna, with lifted chin. "I was invited, but you went off without me, and I thought I'd go, anyhow, and get there ahead of you."

"But you didn't, quite," Syd chuckled.

"There, let her be," said Gilbert.

"She's got a lot of nerve, anyhow, hasn't she, though? She's all right. I say!"

Edna's lip began to tremble. That speech gratified her, and touched her heart. "I was real mad because you went off without me," she faltered.

Gilbert and Syd looked at each other. They dug their toes into the ice. "Shall we tell her?" said Gilbert.

"Might as well," Syd responded.

"Say, see here, Edna," he crossed his thumbs. "You know how bad you've wanted to know what that meant? Well, we couldn't tell you, because it's about you."

"It's a surprise party," said Gilbert. "or it was. Next Thursday night. That's why we wanted to go to Joe Corlett's without you. We were going to get Joe and the three of us were going around to invite the girls and boys. We'd have gone down on the ice boat ourselves, but we were going over on the north road to invite the Gibsons, and coming home around that way. We weren't going to breathe a word to you about it. We hadn't even told mother, not yet."

"It's what we've been doing so much whispering about lately," said Syd.

"For me," said Edna, slowly. "A surprise party!" She grew red; her eyes filled. "Oh, dear! I've been awfully mean. I've been real hateful and horrid. Oh, dear me, suz! It would have served me right if I'd—well, I'd just ought to have broken an arm, or something!"

"No, you hadn't," said Gilbert. "It was real spunky of you to do it, Edna."

"Two or three lessons, and you'll be a dabster with an ice boat," said Syd.

"And it's all right about the surprise party," said Gilbert, "all but the surprise; we'll have it just the same. You'll have just as much fun, anyhow. Come on! We'll go the rest of the way on the ice boat, seeing it's here. And look sharp, and we'll show you how to run her."

"Oh, dear!" said Edna, again. "I've been too outlandish for anything!" And when they brought the ice boat she took her seat on it meekly.

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